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# Seasons of Change

Azaleas bloom and dogwoods blossom. Long pants and coats are traded for shorts and sunglasses. As the chill of a lifeless winter fades into springtime's radiance, nature reminds us that life is always revolving, a continual process of change.

Whether one chooses to flee from it or embrace it, change is constant. I've learned during my 24 years that change is inevitable. The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, "Nothing endures but change."

As the 20th century came to a whirlwind finish only a few months ago, we reflect on Southern's changes in the year 2000.

In August we experienced the largest percentage enrollment increase in 54 years (page 9), bringing our total undergraduate enrollment to 1,939. With that change came challenges of housing, parking lot space and more.

In November, students and staff participated in Operation Christmas Child, an outreach project that involved packing gift-wrapped shoeboxes filled with toys and sending them overseas to less fortunate children.

In the year 2000, more than 60 individuals joined the faculty and staff at Southern. Most came on board as replacements for others who retired or left, but the student body isn't the only one with new faces.

At Southern, we have all been affected by change. In the Public Relations Office, this is especially true.

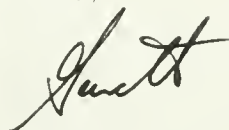
In July, Rob Howell, '95, took over as the director of public relations. Before returning to Southern, Rob worked in public relations at McKee Foods Corporation. Rob and his wife Angi (Asher), '95, have a 16-month-old daughter, Ashlyn.

In August, the day after my wife, Joy (Pecaoco), '00, and I returned from our wedding and honeymoon, I came on board to begin my service as the assistant director of public relations and editor of Columns. Married life is a welcomed change in the line of many that I have recently experienced. I graduated in May 2000, after spending a year working in the public relations office at Life Care Centers of America.

Together, Rob and I have committed our services to Southern. In joining Ingrid Skantz, '90, associate director of public relations, who has been a constant in this department for ten years, we are committed to publishing Columns on a quarterly basis, with release dates in April, July, October and January.

As alumni of Southern, we're excited about serving you, fellow alumni and friends of the university. It is our goal to make this magazine one that you anticipate reading each time it arrives in your mailbox. If you have suggestions or story ideas, please let us know.

God Bless,



Garrett W. Nudd



COVER: A cross is carried to the sight of the crucifixion scene as part of the SonRise Resurrection Pageant. Photo by Sharon Andreassen.

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# **Were you There?**

by Garrett W. Nudd

Never in the history of the world has an event meant so much to so many people as the death and resurrection of Christ. Never has anyone affected mankind as much as the simple carpenter who walked the road to Calvary.



## The Experience

Have you ever imagined filling a place in the crowd and experiencing the final events in the life of Jesus? What was it like to feel the rush of emotions at each dramatic change of events?

You swell with pride as Jesus makes His triumphal entrance into the city of Jerusalem. Alas, the king has come to claim His crown. Palm branches are waved and thrown at His feet while an adoring crowd shouts, "Hosanna, Hosanna!"

In a small room several evenings later, Jesus and His disciples gather for a meal together. No one but He realizes that this is the Last Supper. And with His twelve disciples you watch with amazement as the Savior predicts His betrayal and inevitable death.

Alone and exhausted, Jesus moves to the Garden of Gethsemane. He confides in His friends to remain in prayer at the entrance to the garden. You watch the Son of God as He kneels by some boulders in the corner of the garden. His body shakes as He cries out to Heaven. Realizing the awful agony Christ faces, Satan pays a visit to the garden to offer the Son of God a simple solution and a quick way out. You stand in disbelief as Satan and Jesus wage war in the garden, while unaware of their Master's struggles, the Savior's closest followers sleep.

*"Do they not realize what is happening? Do they not share the anguish of their friend and Savior?"*

The following morning Christ is brought before Pilate, and the angry mob cries, "Crucify Him, crucify Him."

*"He's innocent and pure, He's done nothing wrong,"* you cry out. But it's no use. Your feeble plea is lost in the sea of noise and violence.

The scene unfolds just as Christ predicted. Pilate succumbs to the desires of the masses, and the body of Christ is traded for a crook. Your heart breaks as your Savior is sentenced. There must be something you could do to stop this tragedy. You look around. Deep within your heart you want

to stand up for Him, but you're too scared, too timid, and frightened beyond belief.

Roman guards lead Him away. His body is bruised and His flesh is wounded. A heavy timber is placed on Christ's back, where minutes before, lashings ripped his skin and purged his muscles. Past the crowd and through the city, Jesus continues on His journey, the loneliest journey ever walked.

Again you think, *"There must be something I could do. Anything."* But as Christ nears the city gate your thoughts are interrupted as He huckles under the weight of the cross. You try your best to blend into the crowd, hoping that He doesn't notice you. But He does. He knows you're there.

The procession comes to a halt on a hill called Calvary. From a distance you watch as Christ's clothes are removed, exposing his wounded body. Again the guards beat Him unmercifully. They lay His broken body on the splintered cross and stretch out His arms and legs. You watch as one of the soldiers draws three spikes from inside his uniform. By this time the crowd is silent. Another soldier grabs a hammer and you hear the bone-chilling echo of hammer meeting nail, nail piercing flesh, and flesh being broken.

Guilt floods your emotions. Self-hatred and remorse cloud your reprehensible soul.

*"Why did this innocent man have to die? It should have been me,"* you scream inside.


As Christ hangs His head to gasp His last living breath, He cries, "Father, forgive them." Just then He turns His sacred head, now pierced by thorns, and His eyes meet yours. Never have you seen such a look of compassion. Never have you seen such a look of peace. Your heart breaks. Just as Peter had denied Him, so had you. You were in the garden. You were at the judgment hall. You were in the mob. You stood watching as His body was nailed to a beam, and you did nothing!

You burst into tears as Christ's body goes limp. You suddenly realize that the very nails piercing His innocent flesh are the marks of your mistakes and the scars of your sin.

The once hostile mob looks on in stunned silence as Christ is removed from the cross and carried to the tomb. In solemn reflection you gather with the crowd near the burial site. The door is closed, sealed and shut, concealing the wounded sacrifice.

Minutes become hours, hours become days.

Suddenly the skies darken. The ground shakes violently and with a crack of thunder, the stone is rolled away. The guards scatter, exposing a heaven-like beam of



As part of a representation of the city of Jerusalem before Christ's triumphal entry, MaryAnn Roberts, associate professor of nursing, participates in the resurrection pageant as a shopkeeper offering bread to market-goers.



light radiating from the open tomb. From out of the shadows steps the perfect Savior, victorious over sin.

Tears roll from your face again. As your Savior stands before you with His arms outstretched, a song of rejoicing swells within your heart. In the midst of the celebration, your eyes meet again. Still clouded in

guilt, you look away from His glory. But He calls you by name and you turn your head in His direction. With a smile on His face and a twinkle in His eye, He says, "This is for you. I did this for you."

## The Production

On Easter weekend in April 1996, the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist

Church teamed up with Southern Adventist University to present the first SonRise Resurrection Pageant. Six years later the production has become a much-anticipated annual event, ministering to the local Chattanooga community and growing in number of viewers each year.

Soliciting the participation of more than 600 university students, faculty, church and community members, on-lookers embark upon a 90-minute journey which follows the final events in the life of

Christ. As each group exits the church the pageant-goers are guided through the city of Jerusalem where Christ makes His triumphal entry, past the Last Supper, through the Garden of Gethsemane, past Pilate's judgement hall to the hill of Calvary, and to the burial tomb, where the resurrection scene unfolds. Each event takes place at a different location on campus.

Last year participants presented 11 productions of the SonRise pageant, and an estimated 9,000-plus people were in attendance. For many it was their first visit to Southern's campus and their first exposure to Adventism.

"Our core purpose is to use SonRise as a bridge to reach the community," said Ed Wright, senior pastor of Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church. "Our goal is that this pageant be used as an introductory event to which people can feel comfortable inviting their neighbors, co-workers and friends."

Wright praised those that devote their time to SonRise. "I am delighted how church members and university students have taken ahold of SonRise and worked side by side in this major undertaking. It is very rewarding."

This year, the resurrection pageant will take place on Sabbath, April 14. There are many ways to get involved. Those wishing to participate in SonRise may contact Ingrid Skantz at [ilskantz@southern.edu](mailto:ilskantz@southern.edu) or at 423-238-2833. ¶




Computer science major Jesse Rademacher has participated in the pageant for several years. Here he portrays Christ struggling in the Garden of Gethsemane.



# Taking Control of your Time

by Jud Lake

 One of my biggest challenges in entering the ministry following seminary was time management. There were so many things to do and so little time to do them. The many multifaceted demands of pastoral ministry often seemed overwhelming to me.

Not long after beginning my ministry I noticed an advertisement for a time management system by specialist Dr. Charles R. Hobbs, titled "The Time Power System." I ordered the audio cassette tapes, listened carefully, and applied the system to my life and ministry. It made a profound difference in my day-to-day living and I was sold on time management principles and practice.

About six years into my ministry, I began working on a Doctor of Ministry program at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, where I was pastoring. Upon finishing classwork for the doctorate, I began to focus on my dissertation. Time management in the ministry presented itself as the ideal topic. So once the proposal was accepted I wrote the dissertation and defended it successfully. My main focus was to show the superiority of the Charles R. Hobbs Time Power System by comparing it with everything written on time management.

Since completing my dissertation in 1994, I have continued to study and teach time management, building upon my original research. I joined Southern's faculty in the School of

Religion in 1997, and have had the opportunity to teach time management principles to my students in several classes.

One day while working at my office computer, a breakthrough occurred when I envisioned a series of circles, emanating from a center, with each circle representing an aspect of time management. At the center was Christ, just like the theology of the Bible. I quickly captured my thoughts on paper and "Circles of Destiny" was born. Since that summer day in 1998, I have been developing this system which I believe to be thoroughly biblical in its essence and comprehensive in its approach. It is a time management system that can be integrated into other systems or stand completely on its own.

In short, the purpose of the Circles of Destiny time management system is to help Christians manage time to the glory of God (Col. 3:23, 24).

Since 1998 I have had the opportunity to share my Christian time management system in youth groups, seminars, undergraduate classes, and even in a graduate-level course specifically devoted to time management.

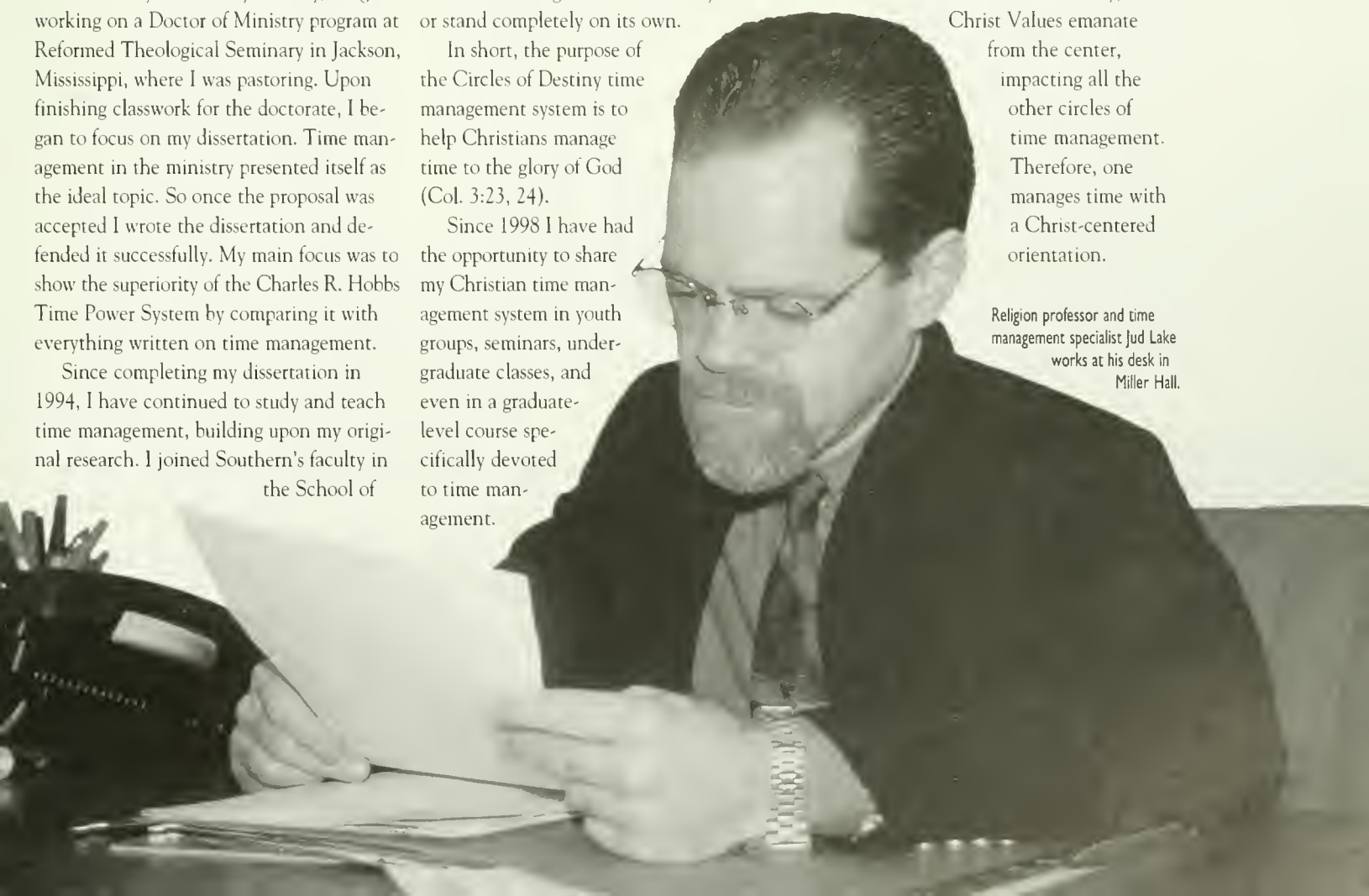
## Christ Values

The center circle is where true time management practice begins. This central core represents a person's prioritized set of core values. Time management specialists call these values by different names: governing values, true-north principles or guiding principles. I call them Christ Values, because this title best reflects the Christ-centered, biblical orientation of the Christian life. A prioritized set of these biblically based values function as a personal mission statement, which provides guidance for goal planning and daily living. This important document affects everything a person does whether at work or

home. In Circles of Destiny,

Christ Values emanate from the center, impacting all the other circles of time management. Therefore, one manages time with a Christ-centered orientation.

Religion professor and time management specialist Jud Lake works at his desk in Miller Hall.





## Lake's tips on managing time

### Goal Units

Goal Units represents a person's goals written in the framework of his or her Christ Values. Christ-centered goals are essential to effective Christian time management. The key is correctly articulating what I call Goal Units, a lead goal with supporting sub-goals. This powerful way of articulating goals gives clarity and specificity in goal planning.

### Organizer

Organizer represents datebook and digital organizers, which are essential to effective time management practice. One must have a place to put Christ Values and goals so that they are accessible on a daily basis for planning. A DayTimer organizer, for example, is perfect for this. Organizers provide a host of helpful accessories for daily planning and scheduling. Anyone serious about time management should consider obtaining an organizer personally tailored to his or her unique needs. Circles of Destiny, and other solid time management systems, will provide guidance on how to most effectively use these organizers.

### Action List

Action List is vital to making any time management system work. The Action List, also known as the daily to-do list, is the place in your organizer where you write down and prioritize tasks for the day. Then you check your proposed actions for the day against your prioritized goals and values in the same organizer. Therefore, you experience harmony, balance and Christ-centered appropriateness in your daily actions. I cannot overstress the importance of this daily planning time for generating the action list. Effective time management will not happen without this daily activity.

### Implementation

This is an often-neglected area in time management literature. In my time management class, 12 lectures are devoted to this important concept. In a nutshell, Implementation is the vital circle where all aspects of Christian time management are executed. It involves procedures for using the personal organizer, maximizing planning and scheduling time, implementing the daily action

list, dealing with time management troubleshooting and several other important practices necessary for an effective, Christ-centered time management life-style.

### Techniques

Techniques represents efficiency techniques used to accomplish more in half the time. Some examples are listening to tapes while driving, speed-reading, delegating and handling interruptions. Many people think that time management begins with the techniques of efficiency, but Circles of Destiny shows that true time management begins in the center with Christ Values (effectiveness) and ends in the outer circle with techniques (efficiency).

### Event Control

The outer limits of the circle, Event Control, illustrate how implementing all the inner circles results in the control of events associated with one's daily life.

### Conclusion

I believe this system integrates the best modern time management concepts and the theology of the Scriptures. There is a distinctive spiritual focus in each of the inner circles, which maintains the Christ-centered focus the Christian life should have. Circles of Destiny, to me, is the ultimate expression of Christian time management.

I should say, however, that even though I have created this time management system, my approach in teaching time management is eclectic. For example, if someone feels drawn to the Franklin System or some other time management system, I encourage the person to use that system. Circles of Destiny could then provide the focus to implement the system in a Christ-centered way. ¶

:Event Control:

:Techniques:

:Implementation:

:Action List:

:Organizer:

:Goal Units:

Christ  
Values

## Southern has highest enrollment increase in fifty-four years

Officials predicted an undergraduate enrollment increase of about 4 percent, but no one could have been ready for the surprise that awaited following registration. Final fall semester enrollment numbers indicated an increase of more than 12 percent. That's up 232 students from last year, bringing total undergraduate enrollment to 1,939 students, without counting those enrolled in graduate programs and at off-campus sites affiliated with the university.

"It's hard to pinpoint just one factor that contributed to the enrollment increase," said Vinita Sauder, vice president of marketing and enrollment services, "but I think a great deal of our success has to do with

our open recruiting to the entire nation."

Southern's admissions and recruitment personnel visited nearly 200 high schools and academies throughout the past year in a nationwide recruitment effort.

"We've never before attempted such intense recruiting," said Ms. Sauder. "We're very pleased with the results."

Forty-eight percent of students are from outside the Southern Union. Included in that number are 107 students from outside the United States, the majority coming from Canada, Asia and Europe.

The U.S. Department of Education recently projected private college enrollment to rise 16 percent over the next ten



years. With student housing already overcrowded, several faculty and staff members have opened up their own homes as residential options for students. In one of the residence halls, all three deans temporarily worked out of the same office while the other two offices were being used as dorm rooms. Southern has 1,853 undergraduate students enrolled this semester.

## School of Nursing achieves outstanding results

Before a nursing student becomes a registered nurse (RN), they must successfully complete the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX), commonly referred to as "State Boards." Of the Southern Adventist University nursing students who sat for the exam last summer, all 41 successfully passed the first time, a feat that has not been accomplished since 1991.

But even more impressive, are the results of the recent NCLEX Report, which ranks Southern's School of Nursing first out of 30 in the state of Tennessee. The report went on to rank the program 13<sup>th</sup> out of 816 associate degree programs in the

nation, and 16<sup>th</sup> out of 1,357 all-type (AS, BS, diploma) programs in the nation.

"The excellent results are due to a number of factors," said Phil Hunt, dean of the School of Nursing. "We have developed an active student tutorial program that gives all students the opportunity to do better."

The faculty take great strides in preparing students for the NCLEX examination. All unit, mid-term, and final exams in the associate degree program are given on computer using the same format as the NCLEX examination.

Also contributing to the school's success are the tightened admissions and pro-

gressions policies. Since 1998, students wishing to enter the nursing program must have a minimum 3.25 high school grade point average or a 2.80 GPA on 12 or more college credits. Once accepted, the student must achieve at least a 78 percent or C plus on each nursing course to continue. Those students who do not meet the progression requirements during the second year receive contracts that require additional self-study activities for improvement in specific theory and/or skill areas. The student must also pass a standardized test at specified levels prior to progressing to the second year and prior to graduation.

## Students collect Christmas shoeboxes

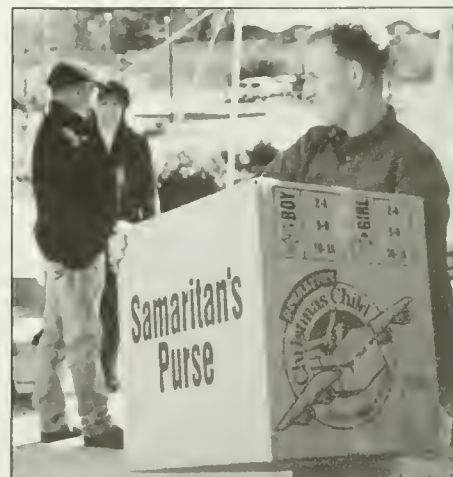
Students and faculty at the university collected hundreds of toy-filled shoeboxes to be distributed on Christmas day to less fortunate children around the world as part of a world-wide effort called Operation Christmas Child.

"It was exciting to see the students and faculty come together and support this special outreach ministry," said Rob

Howell, director of public relations. "Operation Christmas Child is a fun project, and it benefits children who don't normally get to experience Christmas."

Several area Seventh-day Adventist churches joined in Southern's efforts. Bowman Hills, McDonald Road, Collegedale and Hamilton Community participated, as well as Collegedale Academy.

Those wishing to participate in Operation Christmas Child may contact the university public relations office at 423.238.2840.





## Vespers results in more than a hundred student prayer groups

At a recent Friday vespers, Derek Morris, professor of religion, spoke on the Prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:10) and challenged university students to make that prayer a part of their lives. In closing, Morris made a call for students to stand and join him at the front of the church sanctuary. Nearly 200 students went forward and committed themselves to leading out in daily prayer groups.

"We really underestimated the response," said Zane Yi, assistant chaplain. "It's so exciting to see how God's working on our campus."

**The Prayer of Jabez:** "Oh, that You would bless me indeed; and enlarge my territory; that Your hand would be with me; and that You would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain." 1 Chronicles 4:10



## Long Term Care Program recredited

The Long Term Care undergraduate program under the university's School of Business and Management was recently re-evaluated by the National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators (NAB).

The examiners nominated Southern's academic program for reaccreditation, remarking that "this is a very strong and well-established program at the bachelor's level. It is probably unmatched."

Two of the major strengths of the pro-

gram are that local health care professionals teach the summer courses and that high quality internships are available to students.

Southern's Long Term Care program was the first in the nation to be approved by the NAB.

## Student selected for humanics planning team

Kathy Souchet, a junior nonprofit management major, was one of five students selected to serve on the American Humanics Management Institute (AHMI) national planning team. AHMI is a training conference held each January for students seeking professional certification in the nonprofit sector.

"I am completely excited," Souchet said. "I have wanted to be on the planning team ever since I heard about it, and I

can't wait to begin working with the team."

Lynn Caldwell, executive director of American Humanics at Southern, said it is a great honor for Souchet to be chosen for the planning team.

"She is an extremely bright and well-organized student," Caldwell said. "She has natural leadership abilities and she's bilingual—a huge asset in her career field."

Southern became active in American

Humanics (AH) in 1999, offering a bachelor of science in nonprofit management and development.

Seventy-six institutions in the United States offer AH certification; Southern is the only one in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Undergraduate students seeking certification must complete a 300-hour internship with a nonprofit organization, be active in the AH society on campus and attend one AHMI conference.

## Construction of Southern Village underway

To accommodate high enrollment and the projected increase for the next several

years, construction has begun on the first three housing units of Southern Village, located on College Drive East, across from the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church. Each building will consist of eight apartment units.

"Our mission is to provide a new family housing environment for students," said Marty Hamilton, director of housing. "The beauty of this project is its flexibility. If we need to open Southern Village to older single students

or faculty and staff, we have that option."

Two thirds of the units under construction are already spoken for, and there is a waiting list of families who are eager to move into the apartments once completed.

No new housing for married students has been built on the university campus since the 1970s. The construction of these three units is only the first phase of Southern Village. Nine more units are planned for future construction.



## Forty-six named to elite group

Forty-six students have been selected as excellent campus leaders and will appear in the 2001 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

"These students are worthy of this honor," said George Babcock, vice president of academic administration. Babcock added that a faculty committee chooses the students. They must be seniors and are nominated based on their academic achievement and the recommendation of professors.

Students from more than 2,300 higher learning institutions the United States are distinguished in this yearly directory.

Ms. Deborah Leilani Arakawa  
Ms. Karissa Fayon Baptiste  
Mr. Christopher Wayne Bullock  
Mr. Eric Ford Cavanaugh  
Ms. Lisa Marie Christensen  
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# it's a good thing

**April 5-7**

Conference on Christianity and Literature

**Sunday, April 8, 6 p.m.**

Symphony Orchestra Dinner Concert

**Sabbath, April 14**

SonRise Resurrection Pageant

**Saturday, April 14, 9 p.m.,  
and Sunday, April 15, 3:30 p.m.**

Die Meistersinger and Bel Canto

**April 15-18**

Writers Workshop

**April 19-20**

PreviewSouthern

**Friday, April 20, 8 p.m.**

Missions Dedication

**Sunday, April 22, 8 p.m.**

Wind Symphony

**Sabbath, April 28, 3:30 p.m.**

Choral/Orchestra Concert, Elijah

**Wednesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.**

Biology Spring Expo

**May 4-5**

Religion Senior Consecration

**Friday, May 11, 8 p.m.**

Senior Consecration

**Sabbath, May 12, 11:30 a.m.**

Baccalaureate

**Sunday, May 13, 9:30 a.m.**

Commencement

**May 30-June 2**

Georgia-Cumberland Camp Meeting



# Jean Schill

## celebrating life for 102 years

Few people can say they have lived in three centuries, but Jean Wingate Schill has and she's proud of it. At the age of 102, Jean is vibrant and energetic. She attributes her longevity to a positive, buoyant spirit.

Unlike many women who are hesitant to convey their age, Jean proudly announces her birth date to anyone who inquires: August 2, 1898. "I'm now 102," she boasts. "I got my centenarian letter from the president."

A 1925 graduate of Southern Junior College, Jean now contributes financially to her alma mater and supports her belief in Christian education by having several trust and annuity funds with Southern. With future gifts from her estate she will establish the Jean Wingate Schill Endowed Scholarship Fund for students planning to become teachers.

Since graduating from Southern, Jean has enjoyed a full and prosperous life. Although times have changed since she was a student, her positive memories of Southern will be forever etched in her mind.

The boys' dorm was under construction in the 1920s so many of the boys slept in "tent-houses" or abandoned quarry workers' quarters, Jean recalls. "Fortunately for us, the girls' dorm was already built. But the pioneer spirit enabled us to endure the primitive conditions as we helped build for those who would come later."

She also remembers working to pay her tuition, which fluctuated between \$60-85 per year. Most of the girls cooked and cleaned while the boys worked in the field and the dairy. "I worked as the assistant for President Thiel's secretary in the ad building (present day Lynn Wood Hall)," Jean said. It was there where she enjoyed classes with her favorite teachers Maude Jones and Paul Bradley.

Jean's time at Southern was interspersed by periods of teaching at a school operated by her Adventist parents. Taking the role of student, teacher, then student again, she has been a lifelong learner enjoying her career as an educator. After graduating from Southern, she headed to Washington Missionary College to further her education. Later in life she earned a master's degree from Emory University.

Because of previous experience with the Carolina Conference prior to her time at Southern, Jean taught at several Adventist schools. At one point she served as an English teacher at Lake Ariel Academy in Pennsylvania, and there she was privileged to have two of Ellen G. White's granddaughters as her students.

In Pennsylvania, Jean met and married Ray Schill. The two moved to Atlanta because of Ray's job with the Southern Railroad. Together, they purchased a 40-acre farm with two houses. In Atlanta, Jean taught in the public school system until her retirement. Ray continued working for the railroad and invested the couple's money wisely. Because of their mutual love of the mountains the Schills purchased land in Hendersonville, North Carolina, where they would eventually retire. The couple enjoyed many happy years together until Ray's death in 1976.

I had the privilege of becoming ac-



quainted with Jean 10 years ago, when she was 92. She was at a point in her life in which she wanted to consolidate and simplify. As a widow living in a large home, she decided that maintenance and yard care had become burdensome.

After researching several assisted living facilities in the Southeast, she determined Fletcher Park Inn, in Fletcher, North Carolina, was very much to her liking. She would be close to home, near to her many friends, and she would have independence with care available nearby. The transition was an easy one.

I remember enjoyable visits with Jean. Her keen sense of humor and ability to laugh at herself made time with her a pleasure. She conversed about travel, friends,

flower gardening, reading and painting. Original works of art brighten the nooks and hallways of her home. She has a zest for life and her positive outlook is contagious to nearly everyone she meets. A couple years ago I received a Christmas letter from Jean, in which she related this personal story as an active Golden Ager.

"I started the New Year by breaking my arm very close to the right wrist. The most amazing part of the whole ordeal was that the arm never hurt! I had always felt sorry for friends and family who fell and broke various bones. However, two weeks after the bone had healed and the brace was removed, arthritis set in and spread to every joint in my sympathetic body. Was that ever an experience! I wouldn't wish that on a worm, but now it is subsiding and I'm beginning to feel like I'm 20 again!"

Jean is a living testament to the wisdom found in Proverbs 17:22: "A merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones."

Jean's story is important to all of us who are growing older gracefully. Keep a good positive attitude and accept life's inevitable changes. There came a time in Jean's life, several years ago, when prudent financial, retirement and estate planning suggested careful long-range planning.

She has always been a firm believer in Christian education and she wants to do everything she can to make it affordable for young people. One option she considered had a lot to offer, the Charitable Remainder Trust. Southern was a perfect match to receive the remaining interest in Jean's Charitable Remainder Trust. The trust became the receptacle of her unsold home, securities and other assets left by her husband. In turn, Jean receives a fixed lifetime income. With Southern as trustee, this arrangement gave her a charitable income tax deduction and pays her fixed annual income based on the total fair market value of trust assets. This enables Jean to be free from management and to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle.

Another option that works well for Jean is the Charitable Gift Annuity. She has four of these contracts with Southern. She began her most recent annuity at age 99. Through this agreement, she enjoys a 12 percent fixed return, which is as good or

better than many volatile equity investments. Lifetime quarterly payments are electronically deposited to her account from each of her annuities and from her charitable remainder trust.

She currently enjoys the best of both worlds: a predictable lifetime income stream and worry-free investment management.

Several years ago Jean made the transition from Fletcher Park Inn to a shared home with a friend. "At age 96 I realized I shouldn't drive any longer," Jean said. "I figured I should probably let someone else have the joy of driving my car. Living with a younger (but still senior) friend allows a little extra day-to-day care, and I can still get out and do my traveling, which is a pleasant way to exercise."

Her lifestyle defines the term "active senior." For her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Jean and a friend took a cruise through the inland waterways of Alaska. Just recently, they returned from a Central-American cruise through the Panama Canal.

Southern's centenarian still has dreams. She is planning another trip this summer. For her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday she plans to once again cruise the intercoastal waterways of Alaska.

For Jean Wingate Schill, careful estate planning has helped make her senior years a delight. ❧



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### Builders

When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, "See! This our Fathers did for us."

John Ruskin



# Making an Impact

by Garrett W. Nudd

**S**outhern Adventist University has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of thousands of students throughout the years. As students graduate to their individual roles in society, each one has impacted another, and it can all be traced back to Southern.

But Southern's impact on the community is equally important. Whether through student and staff interaction with community members, or university-wide participation in Community Service Day, Southern's community presence is significant.



A recent study measuring Southern's economic impact on the Chattanooga community revealed that last year Southern contributed more than \$142 million to the greater Chattanooga area, which includes four counties in Tennessee and three in Georgia.

The study measures dollars spent in the community by students, faculty, staff and others associated with the university, and combines it with the money earned by those whose jobs were created by university activity. Also included is the money earned and spent by university alumni who came to the area for an education at Southern and then found jobs in the local community.

## The numbers

Sixty million dollars are spent directly from the pockets of students, faculty, staff and employees, as well as others associated with the university and its activities. This includes money spent for food, clothing, travel, entertainment, housing, furniture and car repairs.

Sixty-five million dollars are earned by the more than 1,700 people whose jobs were created due to the existence of Southern Adventist University. This is income that would not exist but for the university community.

Seventeen million dollars are earned and spent by the 1,500 Southern alumni in the region. This is income generated by the improved economic standing of these men and women. This figure represents



ties at Southern. One out of every 100 jobs in the Chattanooga area labor market is a result of Southern's activities. Few other economic activities have so much impact.

## How it happens

Southern Adventist University attracts students from all across the world. Eighty-two percent of Southern's students come from outside the Chattanooga area—that's 1,600 students bringing new money into the community to be spent on their individual needs.

Throughout the year more than 10,000

addition, more than 1,730 other professionals in the Chattanooga area owe their jobs to the existence of Southern.

Finally, of the Southern graduates originally from outside the Chattanooga area, 1,500 have chosen to make their homes in the local community following graduation, contributing a large portion of their income to the area economy.

## What this means to Chattanooga

The impact of Southern Adventist University is significant indeed. One hun-

**“Sixty-five million dollars are earned by the more than 1,700 people whose jobs were created due to the existence of Southern Adventist University.”**

what their education is worth in terms of a larger income in comparison to what they would have earned had they simply finished high school and entered the labor force.

All three figures, \$60 million, \$65 million, and \$17 million added together equal \$142 million.

To put the \$142 million contribution in context, consider the fact that one out of every \$200 spent in the greater Chattanooga area is generated because of activi-

people visit Southern's campus for meetings, graduations, lectures and weddings. Coming from all across the country, these people purchase their meals, lodging, transportation and entertainment locally, which contributes to Chattanooga's thriving tourism industry.

Also contributing to the economy are the 375 full-time faculty and staff members of the university. Employed by the university, they contribute the majority of their income after taxes to the area economy. In

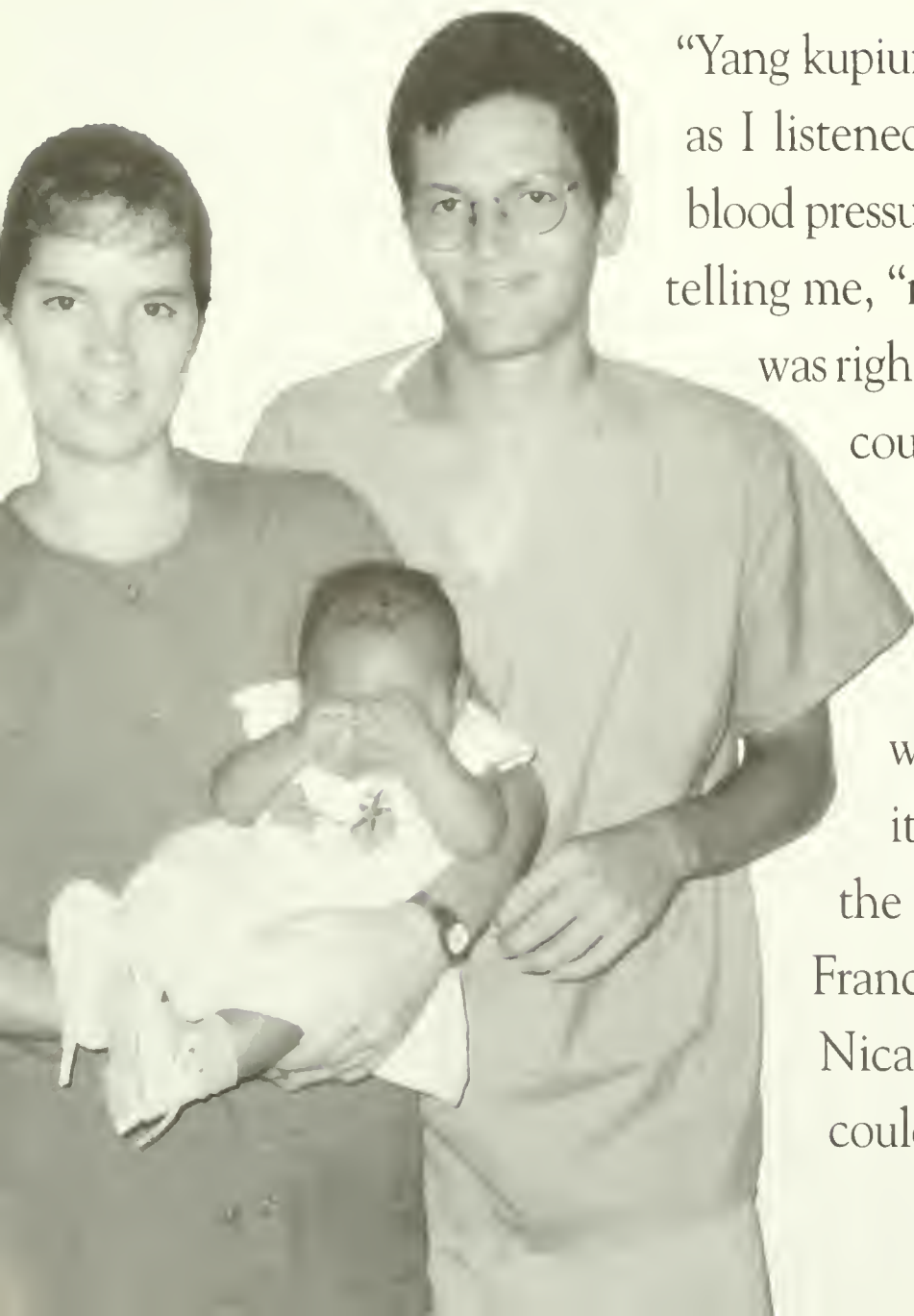
dred forty-two million dollars are added to the Chattanooga economy due to Southern's presence in the community. As student enrollment continues to grow, so will the economic impact of the university. ¶

This economic impact study was conducted by Kevin B. Stokes, economics professor at Jefferson Community College in Louisville, Kentucky, and partner of Econ 500, an economic consulting firm. Stokes has conducted similar studies for colleges and universities across the country.



# Two New Hearts

by Mark Sandoval



“Yang kupium saura,” 14-year-old Josias said as I listened to his heart and checked his blood pressure. I understood what Josias was telling me, “my heart is bad.” And sadly, he was right. Josias had a heart murmur and couldn’t play with other children, for he fatigued too quickly. Because his heart was working so hard to supply his body with the proper amount of blood, it was rapidly wearing out. But in the little Miskito Indian village of Francia Sirpi, located in northeast Nicaragua, there was nothing that could be done to treat him.

## August 1999

My wife LeEtta and I had come as student missionaries to Francia Sirpi to operate a small medical clinic in our village. Not long after we arrived we met Josias Zamora and his father Jose. Naturally, Jose was concerned about his son's condition and hoped we could help him. Unfortunately, the equipment we needed to assist in diagnosing Josias's condition was on the other side of the country. All we could do was pray for a miracle.

## January 2000

Through the working of God, a miraculous chain of events unfolded. Mike and Dianna Halverson, who had been active in the Nicaragua project from the States, came to the village to build a new church. The Halversons are from Dalton, Georgia, and they were active in the project because Mike's father spent several years as a missionary in Francia Sirpi in the 1970s.

Despite Josias's condition, he spent hour after hour on the construction site helping the Halversons construct the new church. The Halversons took an immediate interest in Josias and were determined to obtain medical help for him.

## January 21, 2000

Josias and I made the three-hour journey to Puerto Cabezas, so he could have an Echocardiogram (ECG). The results were sent to the United States where a cardiologist could evaluate them and determine what could be done to help Josias.

The Halversons contacted friends and sponsors in the United States and a great network of people began praying for Josias.

*"Lord, show us how we can help this child. We do not have the money or contacts, but You do. Please use us in Josias's life and take him as Your own."*

## March 2000

Word arrived from the United States that the doctors had reviewed Josias's ECG and determined that he needed to come to the States for further testing and a possible repair of a valve that was leaking in his heart.

## April 2000

Arrangements were made for Josias and his father to fly from Managua, Nicaragua, to Chattanooga, Tennessee, for free as part of American Airlines' Miles for Kids in Need program. Meanwhile, Memorial Hospital and Drs. Harold D. Head and Michael Geer, of Chattanooga, agreed to provide medical services for Josias without charge.

The biggest problem was in acquiring the necessary papers to allow Josias to come to the United States. It was Friday and their flight was scheduled to leave on Sunday. Josias and his father needed passports and visas, but had only two days to receive them.

In Managua, Don Vargas and his wife, Christina (Pulido), '73, rushed to complete the necessary paperwork. The Vargases, another couple from the United States, have been involved in mission work in Nicaragua since 1971.

While Don transported Jose and Josias to pick up their passports, Christina called the embassy to question about the visas. All morning long, Christina was greeted with a recorded message.

Meanwhile, in the United States, a prayer group had been notified to pray that the paperwork would go through.

Finally, just before noon, Christina reached someone at the embassy. The officer informed her that he could see Jose and Josias if they arrived within an hour. But when Jose and Josias arrived at the embassy, they were informed that they needed their passports before obtaining their visas.

It was noon and the passport office was scheduled to close at 2 p.m. The office wouldn't open again until after departure of their Sunday flight. With another call to the embassy, they were informed that a paid receipt stamp was needed in the passports before the visas could be issued, so they rushed to the bank.

After waiting in line at the bank for more than an hour, Jose and Josias received the needed stamp and arrived at the office just after 2 p.m. As the visas were handed over, the officer commented, "This is highly unusual. Visas usually take two weeks or more to procure."

## May 1, 2000

Josias, Jose, LeEtta and I flew from Managua, Nicaragua to Miami, Florida. We helped them catch their next flight to Tennessee before we parted ways.

Josias did well during the flight and the Halversons met him and his father at the airport. The Halversons took the father and son to their home in Georgia, where they stayed until the operation.

Josias was amazed as he adjusted to life in the States. In his village, there is no running water, no electricity or other modern comforts. There are no paved roads, no one even owns a vehicle. People mow their lawns with machetes and raise the food on which they live. But in the States, as he saw thousands of cars on paved roads and the abundance of supermarkets and shopping centers, Josias realized that he was a long way from home.

Unfortunately, the wonderment did not last long. In less than two days, Josias would have to undergo further tests and surgery.

## May 3, 2000

Josias underwent more specific testing. The doctors determined that Josias's heart had a faulty valve and much of the blood that should be going forward was leaking backward. His heart was working very hard to maintain circulation and may not have been able to keep it up much longer.

Dr. Head decided that the best option would be to implant a new device behind Josias's bad valve to make it stronger and decrease the amount of blood leaking backward. With a surgery of that magnitude, there was no guarantee that Josias would survive the operation or that it would be completely successful, but it was clearly the best option.

## May 16, 2000

Josias waited nervously in the operation room at Memorial Hospital. The Halversons were there, along with Laura Nyirady, professor of nursing in Southern's School of Nursing, and me. Laura and I had permission to be with Josias and observe the procedure.



We comforted Jose as his son was prepared for surgery. Josias was connected to many tubes and wires before the surgery. I prayed with Josias as he was put to sleep.

The surgeons carefully opened Josias's chest and revealed his oversized beating heart. In a few intricate steps his heart was bypassed and a machine pumped his blood through his body. His heart was opened and the device was placed behind the faulty valve. Finally, Josias's heart was sewn back together, and the surgeons prepared for the most dangerous part of the procedure.

The machine that was pumping Josias's blood was turned off, and we waited to see if his heart would start beating again. After a few long moments, his heart began an irregular twitch. Then his heart took a normal beat and kept it.

Josias was quickly sewn together and sent to the recovery room. His heart was tested and a small leak from the valve remained, but the majority of the problem had been fixed.

*"Thank you God. You are the Great Physician and You are looking after Your child."*

*We leave his recovery in Your hands. Hold him in Your arms and tuck him close to Your heart."*

## May 17, 2000

We visited Josias in intensive care. He had tubes coming from his chest and nose and was in obvious pain. The following day he had fewer tubes, but he coughed and cried from the intense pain. His father had slept in a chair next to his bed for two straight nights.

After checking on Josias, Dr. Head informed us that Josias was progressing well. "While I was not able to give him a totally competent valve, it should now function well enough to improve his lifestyle significantly. Only time will tell."

## May 20, 2000

After a five-day stay in Memorial Hospital, Josias was released back into the care of the Halversons. During the following weeks, Josias recovered and became more active. His smile once again became radiant.

## June 2000

Jose informed the Halversons that he had decided to become an Adventist, and Josias, already a baptized member, told them that he would like to study to become a minister. He wants to learn how to reach the people in his village and the surrounding villages.

Josias continued to improve and recover, and by the end of June, the doctors had determined that Josias was fine and could return home. Josias and his father flew back home to Nicaragua and were reunited with their family.

With the help of God and many supportive believers, we touched lives, and those lives are now in Francia Sirpi, where they will continue to touch others. ❧

Mark Sandoval is a senior biology major and Southern Scholar. He and LeEtta (Sowers) were married in May 1999. They volunteered in Francia Sirpi, Nicaragua, from August 1999 to May 2000. After graduating, Mark and LeEtta will move to Loma Linda, California, where Mark will pursue his dream of becoming a medical doctor.

# Student Missions Program Thrives

Over the past ten years the Student Missions program at Southern has tripled in size and is now one of the strongest student missions programs in the Adventist educational system.

"We're seeing a renewed interest in service among young people," said Ken Rogers, campus chaplain. "They're the ones that make this program work, our purpose is accommodate them."

This year Southern has 93 students filling task force and overseas missionary positions in 36 different countries around the world. From Australia to Albania, Uganda to the Ukraine, students serve as teachers, pastors, literature evangelists, chaplains and a host of other positions.

## Recruiting Missionaries

Each October the Chaplain's Office sponsors Missions Weekend. By arranging for exciting speakers and presenting positive programs led by returned student missionaries, general interest in student missions grows. "Our best recruiters are the students who return from the mission field ready to share their experiences with others," Rogers said. "They're the ones that sell the others on the idea."

## Training Missionaries

Before a student heads to the mission field, they are required to take a nine-week student missions course that is designed to prepare them for service. But even in nine weeks, it is impossible to prepare the students for every challenge they may face.

"Many are put in positions of big leadership. They're running schools, coordinating programs, keeping budgets, dealing with personnel issues and

more," Rogers said. "But while they're out on their own they realize that they have to have God's help."

## Serving the Missionaries

While the student missionaries are serving in the field, Marius Asaftei, collegiate missions director, and Sherrie Norton, student missions coordinator, keep in contact with the missionaries.

Every two weeks care packages are sent to each student no matter where they are. Included in the packages are school newspapers, newsletters, vespers and sermon tapes, and notes of encouragement from friends back home.

"Care packages are important because they not only help the student missionaries get a sense of what's going on at Southern, but they let them know that we're supporting what they're doing," Asaftei said.

And when the students return to Southern, the university supports them by awarding them academic scholarships.

## Student Missions Success

The program's success is a result of the support of many people throughout the years, and the working of Christ in the hearts of Southern students. "In 10 years I haven't had to personally recruit a single student missionary," said Rogers. Even more impressive is the fact that in that same period of time only five student missionaries have returned home before completing their service.

At Southern Adventist University there is rich heritage in Student Missions. And if the past is any indication of the future, the future of Student Missions is looking even brighter.

# Propaganda for God



by Daniel Olson

**T**heir music is more than just a loud concert. Their music is ministry.

Catch 77 might use a drum set and bass guitar, but this band of five Southern students is committed to presenting the message of Jesus Christ.

"Our focus is on introducing Jesus to people," said Matt Tolbert, lead vocalist. "It's a ministry directed toward youth and young adults through a medium they really enjoy."

And the band members do not mind taking a long road trip to share their message.

Catch 77 traveled to 35 different academies, universities and churches during a nationwide tour that began in January 2000 and lasted four months.

Besides Matt Tolbert, Catch 77 includes his brother, lead guitarist Dave Tolbert; backup vocalist Dave Oakley, who also plays the guitar and violin; Don Gladden, who plays the electric bass



guitar; and Scott Calendar, who handles the drums and percussion. The band originated in September 1997, and the current five members have been together since October 1998.

In the spring of 1999, the band members proposed to Ken Rogers, campus chaplain at Southern, the idea of a cross-country tour that would include concerts, church services and helping teach academy Bible classes.

Rogers loved the idea and became an instant supporter. "We stepped out in faith," Rogers said.

But questions remained. Who would be willing to hook an unknown band? And how would they cover expenses? The answers came from various sources.

The university was very generous in

its slogan on their trailer.

The band also raised money for the tour with local concert performances and sales of their first CD, self-titled.

Catch 77 sent out letters to various churches, universities and academies, explaining their ministry and offering booking information. About 25 venues originally accepted, and the band would add more stops during the tour.

After finalizing plans, presenting a budget plan and schedule, and saying farewell to their friends, Catch 77 enthusiastically kicked off their tour in January 2000 at Mile High Academy in Colorado.

Also joining Catch 77 on the tour was theology major Chad Stuart, who served as the band's pastor, and Lyle Dodge, a friend of the band who served as sound

technician.

The band performed in Washington, Oregon and California before returning to the East. Their tour included stops in 17

states, plus Ontario, Canada, before finishing the tour in Florida on May 5. In Florida, Catch 77 opened with six songs before a performance by popular Christian contemporary group 4HIM.

But the tour was more than nighttime traveling, concert performances and stops at Taco Bell. Catch 77 taught Bible classes



**We presented Jesus to them,  
and they looked up to us.**

underwriting the cost of the tour, Rogers said, as Southern's Transportation Services offered the band a van and a trailer to use during the tour. And Jared Bruckner, associate dean of the School of Computing, influenced the School of Computing to sponsor Catch 77. The band, in return, placed the School of Computing logo and

and conducted vespers and church services for several academies. Matt Tolbert said the academy students were especially receptive to Catch 77's ministry.

"Catch 77 was pretty awesome and I liked their different sound effects," compliments Grant Graves, a junior at Georgia-Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Georgia.

Tolbert felt that the group's modern style of music helped students identify with the band.

"We presented Jesus to them, and they looked up to us," Tolbert said. "They seemed to respect us as guys who enjoy what we do."

A question that students often asked the band members is "What does the name Catch 77 mean?" The band explains their name like this: Catch 77 is a play on words of the phrase 'Catch 22,' which is a lose-lose situation. When sin entered the world, a lose-lose situation was created. But because of God's awesome grace and love, He sent his Son to earth to die for our sins, creating a win-win situation and the perfect way out of this world through Jesus—a "Catch 77."

Catch 77 also shared their relationships with God by teaching Bible classes at several academies. "Teaching Bible classes was what made the tour fun," Gladden said, adding that they "kicked" the teachers out of the classroom and the kids felt more





R. Dave Oakley, Dave Tolbert, Don Gladden, Scott Calendar, Matt Tolbert

comfortable discussing spiritual issues.

As pastor, Stuart led classroom discussions, and questions focused on issues such as dating, jewelry and parent relationships.

Stuart recalled one experience with a young woman in Idaho. The student shared with Stuart her struggle with drug abuse and asked for advice. Stuart shared a Bible text and then prayed with her.

"We didn't realize the impact we can have on these people," Stuart said. Two weeks later, Stuart learned that the student had given up drugs and joined a Bible study group. Stuart added that it was great to see students pledge their lives and make decisions for God. And some students even made decisions to attend Southern after interacting with the band.

Steph Detlor, a freshman psychology major, was attending Campion Academy in Colorado last year when Catch 77 visited. Detlor and her academy friends, Melissa Mead and Amanda Hosek, became friends with the band members, who told them about Southern. "We told them Southern was a good, fun place and that God had blessed us there," Stuart explained.

Detlor said, "Catch 77 was about as influential as recruiters. They made me reconsider my college options." After much consideration, the three friends enrolled at Southern.

Catch 77 also enjoyed some relaxation

during the tour, as they spent some time in California sightseeing. And Catch 77 supported academics with involvement in the school's activities, whether in the classroom or the gymnasium. The band members and Stuart played basketball against several academies, beating every academy they played except for Highland View Academy in Maryland. Stuart remembered best the game against Mile High Academy. "We stomped them," Stuart said, laughing. "We beat them by 30 points."

There were also challenges mixed with the fun.

The band experienced problems with their van one night while traveling from Loma Linda University in California to Southwestern Adventist University in Texas. The van's driveshaft broke and dumped transmission fluid on the ground. The damage forced the band members to find a service station while attempting to keep the remaining transmission fluid from draining. The seven-man crew had to sleep in the van and wait until the next morning to have the driveshaft mended.

After the van's repair, the band continued its journey, but within ten miles of the shop, the driveshaft broke again. The men found a different service station and had the driveshaft repaired properly.

But the delay had squeezed their travel schedule. The trip to Southwestern took 22 hours and they arrived just two hours before their scheduled concert time. The band members had not showered in three days. They frantically set up the stage, then managed to shower only 15 minutes before the concert. "We were dead-tired and feeling awful," Tolbert said, "but it was one of the most fun concerts."

The long road stretch was not finished.

The next day the band drove 18 hours to Andrews University in Michigan, and the temperature dropped from a balmy 70 degrees in Texas to a snowy 20 degrees.

Despite their trials and challenges, the band relished their experience and would love to tour again.

So what has Catch 77 done after their tour? Four of the band members and Stuart are attending Southern. Dave Tolbert left Southern in December to attend Walla Walla College in Washington.

The band released a new CD in January. Entitled "Propaganda," the CD features 11 new songs, with lyrics written primarily by Matt Tolbert. "We got more artistic with this CD," Tolbert said. "Each song has a different type of sound." The band compares the sound of their new CD to Christian bands DC Talk and Delirious and to popular band U2.

But their ministry, not their CD sales, is what inspires this band.

"The tour was the most useful thing I've ever done because of its impact on others



and me," Gladden said. "It gave me a new perspective on what is worthwhile in life."

"The guys are very authentic and genuine," Rogers added. "Their personal lives testify to their relationship with Christ." ¶

For more information visit Catch 77 online at [www.catch77.com](http://www.catch77.com).



# Those Who Walked These Halls

Compiled by Jeanie Tillman

## 20

Carolyn Chestine Webb Lilly, '29, passed away in her son's home in Orlando, Florida, just 2 1/2 weeks before her 92nd birthday. She lived most of her life in the Atlanta area. She is survived by her son, Howard Lilly, Jr.

## 40

Elsie (Landon) Buck, '41, spent many years in music education in the U.S. and six years in mission service in India. In 1994, she was a delegate for the first conference between Russia and the U.S. in the area of music and multi-cultural education, and she traveled to China for a similar conference. She and her husband, Edwin, live in Bernien Springs, Michigan.

Harriet Echols, '44, died on July 12, 2000, in Custer, South Dakota. She had a master's degree in education from University of California and spent most of her life teaching academy and elementary students in the Pacific Union. Before retiring, Harriet was called to be a missionary to Mwami, Zambia. This call led her travel around the world twice as a missionary visiting 50 overseas countries.

Betty (Howard), '43, and Ross Hughes, '42, after being in East Tennessee for more than 25 years, sold their home and moved to Fletcher Park Inn, a retirement center near Fletcher, North Carolina. The two have made many new friends, though they miss being in Tennessee. Their four children, three of whom graduated from Southern, all live with their families east of the Mississippi.

Ruby (Tripp) Irwin, '40, taught for 16 years before retiring. She now serves as a church librarian and also gardens, reads and visits with friends and family. She has two sons and four grandchildren. Her current challenge is becoming "computer literate." She lives in Lodi, California.

Miriam Ditzel Kramer, '48, for her latest adventure, took a trip to Argentina and Brazil with the Loma Linda University Study Spanish Abroad trip. She returned to Southern to celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary with husband, Len. They live in Loma Linda, California.

Carolyn (Cobb) Smith, '48, after graduating from Southern went to Mountain San Diego Hospital and graduated in 1951, then took a post-graduate course at Jackson Memorial. She is now employed as an independent health nurse for three plants in Bethlehem, North Carolina, and Taylorsville, North Carolina.

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Harold Armstrong, '51, and his wife, Mary, are in their 51st year of marriage. Their three children are active in the church and all have children of their own. Their daughter is living in Collegedale and her daughter (the Armstrong's granddaughter) just finished her freshman year in college, while her son just graduated from A. W. Spalding Elementary. Harold and Mary live in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

Marty (Powell) Coon, '53-'54, was an emergency room nurse for 40 years, spending the last 13 years at Erlanger Children's Hospital. She is retired and now cares for her 82-year-old mother. Marty also helps with activities at her church in Cohutta, Georgia.

Charles Cornell, attended, died April 25, 2000, at the age of 71. He graduated from Collegedale Academy in 1949, and attended Southern the next year. He worked for the USPS and retired in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jane; children, Cheri Hadley, Debra Carpenter and Charles S. Cornell; and six grandchildren.

Lillian (McDonell) Durham, '57, tutors the handicapped. She has ten grandchildren. Lillian has had three generations graduate from Southern—her mother, Irene (Johnson) McDonell, '66, herself, and Lillian's daughter, Eva (Wilkinson) Fegarido, '86. Her children and grandchildren are important in her life. Lillian lives in Union City, Georgia.

George Gager, '56, and his wife, Martiel (Lisonbee), live in Chunky, Mississippi. The Gagers are building a new home and are active church members. George retired in January 1999, after spending 33 years in the publishing and AOC departments doing demonstrational work. Their son, Darryl, is a distributor in the cookie business and their daughter, Tonya, is a nurse practitioner.

Ted Graves, '54, and his wife, Mary Jane (Farrell), '51, both retired in 1993. They have two sons Tim, '78, and Ted Jr. Tim, father of two daughters, lives in Chattanooga and works for the Child Protection Services in Catoosa County, Georgia. Ted Jr. lives in Denver, Colorado, and works at a graphic design company.

David Henricksen, '51, passed away on Dec. 23, 2000, at age 72 in Corona, California. He and his wife, Jo Ann, established an OB/GYN practice. A strong supporter of Southern, David started and contributed to many scholarships. He is survived



by his wife and their three children: John, Julie Ann and Janel and a granddaughter, Megan Soule.

Darlyne (Ballard) Jarrett, '57, retired from nursing after her husband, David, '58, suddenly passed away in 1998. She continues to live on their farm in Fletcher, North Carolina.

Carol (Stern), '56, and Pat O'Day, '56, have retired in Pasadena, California. She taught elementary school for 30 years. He taught chemistry at a city college. They have three children and seven grandchildren with another on the way.

John Oliver, '55, finished 40 years of dental practice in July 1999, but he is still enjoying at least three days each week in dentistry with a dentist who will be his successor. John and his wife, Odila, have been members of Tryon SDA Church for nearly 40 years and are still active there. They live in Columbus, North Carolina.

James "Curtis" Orr, '53, retired from dentistry two years ago. He is having a great time remodeling a cottage at South Lake Tahoe and says he has been given the name "Fly by Night" construction. He and his wife, Jeri, spend time in Glendale visiting one of their daughters and her two boys. James and Jeri's home is in Loomis, California.

Jean (Quakenbush), '50-'51, and Bill Strickland, '48-'53, live in New Market, Virginia. Jean had a stroke in 1997 that left her partially paralyzed and unable to speak. Bill retired in order to care for her. The two spent 43 years in education. Thirty-nine of those years were spent at Shenandoah Valley Academy where Bill was the principal and development director.

Clarence Twombly, '53-'55, is retired and working part-time at the General Conference. He lives in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Ralph Workman, '56, and his wife, Dorothy (Baumgartner), attended, live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Ralph worked full time at an SDA servicemen's center in Frankfurt, Germany until 1994. Now he works as chaplain at an assisted living center in Fletcher, North Carolina. He still plays the trumpet; he's in two camera clubs and a coin club; he teaches Sabbath School and is a local elder in his church. He loves to travel and has been to 59 countries.

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Gerry Cabalo, '66, lives in Wildomar, California. He and his wife, Marge, have one son who recently married and finished graduate school, receiving his Ph.D. in physical chemistry.

**Frances (Clark) Carroll**, '66, purchased a new home next door to her old house. Her two eldest daughters, Joy Walker and Kay Anderson, are grown and have children of their own. Joy has two sons, 19 and 21, and Kay Anderson has one daughter. Frances' youngest daughter, Casey, is a certified horologist and jeweler. Frances and Casey recently opened a jewelry store together in Purvis, Mississippi. Frances retired from teaching elementary school, but is an occasional substitute teacher for the local middle school. Her husband, Ornam, is a retired colporteur. He has been a resident of an Adventist health care center for 2 years after developing Parkinson's disease. Frances visits him for several hours every evening.

**Glenn Clark**, '67, has been traveling around the world. In 1998, he and his wife, Karylee, took a two-week cruise around Australia and New Zealand. This past November they had the privilege of going with a group to China and Hong Kong for three weeks. When not traveling, the couple live in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

**Jim Culpepper**, '62, retired after 35 years with the Adventist Health System. He and his wife, **Judy (Clark) Culpepper**, attended, reside near Nashville, in White House, Tennessee.

**Jeanne Pettis Miller**, '61, stays very busy teaching the primary grades in the Hemet Valley SDA School, giving piano lessons, and playing the organ for two churches. She lives in Hemet, California, and not in Loma Linda as was previously stated.

**Gladys (Lawless) Fowler**, '61 and '66, and husband, Ollie, are enjoying the mountains of North Carolina at Mt. Pisgah Academy where Gladys works as the church secretary. The couple stays busy, but right now they are mostly enjoying their 3-year-old grandson, Alex.

**Geraldine (Donak) Hallis**, '63, began work at the Navajo Reservation as a public health nurse in November 1999. The majority of the Navajo do not have electricity, indoor plumbing or phones. When traveling to their homes, she must have an interpreter with her. She lives in Tuba City, Arizona.

**Becky (Stanley) Hodges**, '66, is starting her eighth year teaching fourth grade in Fletcher, North Carolina. In 1998 she finished her master's degree through La Sierra University. She and her husband, Lester, have four children and four grandchildren. She lives in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

**Carole (Branch) McCracken**, '64, worked as a secretary at a facility for the mentally challenged for 32 years before she retired. She has two daughters: Julie graduated from a pharmacy school and

Jennifer is an OTA. Carole also has a grandson and granddaughter and another grandchild on the way.

**Richard Mitzelfelt**, '64, retired after 35 years in government service as environmental health specialist manager and state agency director. He is now working part time as a food safety and environmental consultant. His wife, Barbara, works for New Mexico Heart Institute as a medical transcriptionist. Together they have nine children and eleven grandchildren. They are both active in their church and live in Edgewood, New Mexico.

**Judy (Edwards)**, '64, and **David Osborne**, '64, live in Sacramento, California. David is a pastor and Judy is teaching for her seventh year at Pacific Union College where she is in charge of the interior design program.

**Darlene (Davis) Sanford**, '64, lives in Clarksville, Maryland, with her recently retired husband, Bob. Their first grandson, John Anthony, was born in April 1999 to Jay and Tina Sanford.

**Diane (Morton) Schey**, '69, works at the St. Helena Hospital in home health where she has worked for 22 years. Her husband, William, works at PUC. Their oldest daughter graduated from La Sierra last year and their youngest daughter is a freshman at PUC. Diane and William live in Angwin, California.

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**Verna (Johnson) Blankenship**, '71, is a secretary in the ministerial department of Upper Columbia Conference. Her husband, Peter, has been the food service director at Columbia Academy for 10 years. They have two girls, 13 and 15. The family lives in Spangle, Washington.

**Terry Blough**, '73, is a licensed nursing home administrator and has come back to Tennessee. He and his wife serve in health care at Kingsport. Their daughter, **Jennifer**, attended, is completing a physical therapy degree in Loma Linda.

**Paul and Victoria Boling**, '78, after pastoring the Birmingham First Church for 10 years, they took a call to the Knoxville First Church. They have been blessed by being in the ministry. Paul and Vickie enjoy bird watching and this hobby has taken them to places like Alaska and Canada.

**Chester Caswell**, '70, and his wife, **Donna (Cockran)**, '74, have moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, so Chester could teach at ACA. They have three daughters. Donnita was part of the 2000 graduating class at Southern, and Shelly and Kelly are looking forward to graduating in 2001.

**Roy Cole**, '79, works at a research center for a major computer company in Raleigh, North Carolina. He and **Roberta (Snyder)**, '79, married in 1980. Their son, Ben, will graduate this year from Fletcher Academy and plans to attend Southern next fall. The Coles plan to return to Colledale or the surrounding area when Ben begins college.

**Russell Cooper**, '78, is a chaplain at Adventist Medical Center and spends his free time painting and enjoying art. His wife, **Gloria (Medford)**, '76 and '78, works part time as a nurse in home care and also enjoys being a mom and homemaker. They have a daughter who attends Southern, and a son who is in the ninth grade. They make their home in Boring, Oregon.

**Robert E. Dubose Jr.**, '75, is the library media teacher at Loma Linda Academy. He has a new granddaughter, Brianna, born to his son, **Robert E. DuBose III**. He is married to Denise Souza of Jacarei, Sao Paulo, Brazil. The couple now live in Riverside, California.

**Jamie (Newlon)**, '76, and **Tim Grindley**, '79, live in Rutherfordton, North Carolina. They have five children that are 5 to 17 years in age.

**Tom Hall**, '79, and his wife, Kay (Neal), have managed Pine Lake Retreat Center for the Florida Conference for the past four years. Prior to this they taught for 17 years in the Georgia Cumberland Conference. The couple has two daughters Rachal, 17, and Teresa, 12. Tom and Kay stay active in their church by teaching the junior and young adult Sabbath School classes.

**Cindy (Martin) Hanson**, '79 and '81, is working part time in her husband's office. Her husband, Mark, is a dentist in Punta Gorda. Their oldest son, Chris, plans to attend Southern next year. The couple also has two other boys and the family lives in Arcadia, Florida.

**Maria Iznago**, '79, teaches first grade at Loma Linda Academy. In 1996 she completed her master's degree in elementary education at La Sierra University. Her ministry is performing in a dance group called "United Dancers for Christ." The group travels throughout Southern California performing in various churches and bringing the good news through dance.

**Don Jehle**, '78, is now the pastor of the South Hill SDA Church in Spokane, Washington.

**Connie (Nelson) Lawrence**, '79, is working at Walla Walla Hospital as the employee health and safety secretary, and she stays involved with many school and church activities. Her husband, Serl, is a self-employed general contractor. The two have a daughter, 13, and a son, 11. They live in College Place, Washington.



# Those Who Walked These Halls

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**John Loor**, '72, and his wife, **Susan (Spears)**, '71, have moved to Bozeman, Montana. Susan teaches grades 6-8. John is the Montana Conference President. Their daughter, **Cindy**, '95-'96, is completing her MBA at Washington State University. Their son, **John Robert III**, is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**William Moon**, '77, resides in Savannah, Tennessee, with his wife, **Kathy**, and their children, **Krystal**, 12, and **Jason**, 17. They live near Harbert Hills Academy, where their children attend and William teaches. Kathy works as the director of nursing at a nearby nursing home. William operates an auto body shop and teaches auto body classes at the academy.

**Karen Olson**, '79 and '81, works at Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C. She first worked as a pediatric surgical nurse, then she worked on the neurosurgery unit for 17 years, then three years in pediatric neurosurgery. She is also a director for the local pathfinders club. She is single and lives in Beltsville, Maryland.

**Stanley Rouse**, '72, lived and worked at Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania for 14 years, serving as principal for all but two of those years. The Rouses now live in Topeka, Kansas. He and his wife, **Donna**, work for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference. Stan is in the department of education. Their son and daughter attend Southern.

**Connie (Beck)**, '74, and **Leslie Smart**, '73, live on a 65-acre ranch near a park in Southwest Virginia. He counsels at a youth group home. She is concluding construction of a log cabin to use as a rental or a resort. They have two daughters. **Ashley**, 19, is in aviation at Andrews University, and **Kelly**, 15, is homeschooled and runs the farm.

**Jacqueline (McLaren)**, '75, and **George Pei Sun**, '73-'74, live in Springboro, Ohio. They have a son, **Michael**, 14, and a daughter, **Jennifer**, 17.

**Carol (Wickham) Swayze**, '74, enjoys staying home with her children, **Krisalyn**, 10, and **Wesley**, 9. Her husband, **Victor**, is a physician and an associate professor at the University of Iowa. Carol stays busy doing secretarial work for her husband, volunteering at the church school and serving their local SDA church.

**Benjamin Tucker**, '77, does remodeling and repair construction for a home repair company in Pendleton, Oregon. His wife, **Doris**, works at Walla Walla General Hospital. Their son, **Jacob**, is a senior in academy, and their daughter, **Melissa**, attends Southern. The Tuckers are in their seventh year of providing foster care for troubled teen boys.

**Susan Marie (Gardner) Whitsett**, '70, directs volunteer services at a day resource center for the homeless in Sarasota, Florida. She organizes vol-

unteers to assist the homeless with everything from haircuts to counseling to finding them jobs. Her husband, **George**, pastors an SDA church in Bradenton, Florida. Their son, **Jeff**, teaches at Takoma Academy, and son, **Greg**, is a ministerial intern in the New York Conference. Their daughter, **Heather**, is a junior at Forest Lake Academy.

**Tracy (Anderson)**, '78, and **Jerry Wilson** live in Kennesaw, Georgia. Tracy stays busy with her own accounting firm. They have three children: **Jeremy**, 19, attends Southern; **Steven**, 16, attends Georgia Cumberland Academy; and **David**, 13, is in the seventh grade.

**Lynn (Anderson) Young**, '79, and her husband, **Ed**, have three children: **Tandra**, 14; **Alisha**, 11; and **Derek**, 9. Lynn stays busy being a mom and working in the trust department at the Carolina Conference. Ed is a maintenance manager for BFI. Lynn and Ed love their lives and their children. The family resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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**Mark Bame** and his wife, **Mitzi (Acosta)**, '86, moved to Knoxville last summer with their two children. Mitzi is a full-time homemaker and part-time diet analyst and writer.

**Sheri (Wren) Bjelland**, '85-'86, has fond memories of her days at Southern. She is married, and has a son, **Samson**, 3. She runs a day care at her home in College Place, Washington.

**Kathy (Fillman) Brummett**, '82 and '84, has moved to Rocky Mountain, North Carolina. She and her husband, **Jim**, have two children: **Tyler**, 7, and **Zachery**, 4. Jim works in health care finance.

**Tammy (Rasmussen)**, '84, and **Terry Cantrell**, '85, live in Southern California. Terry is a staff producer/director at Adventist Media Center in Simi Valley. Tammy is a kitchen consultant and a stay-at-home mom. Their oldest son, **Tyler**, is a freshman at Newbury Park Adventist Academy and son, **Taylor**, is in the third grade at the Conejo Adventist Elementary School. The Cantrells can be emailed at: TCantrell@cs.com

**Tony Cirigliano**, '85, started WBAT radio station in Columbia, South Carolina. He and his wife, **MaryAnn**, '83, live in Cayce, South Carolina.

**Jeffrey Evans**, '84, died in a car accident on August 10, 2000, at the age of 40. He received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in Memphis in 1988. He was a member of the

Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is survived by his wife, **Laurie**, '83 and '85; daughter **Ashley**, 10; son **Jordan**, 7; and parents **Earl** and **Joanne**, both employees of Southern.

**Sharon (Wilcox) Fritzsche**, '80, moved to California after graduating. She works at a hospital in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Sharon is also in graduate school completing her FNP. She has been married to **Jay** for 12 years, and they have a 6-year-old son. She would love to hear from classmates and can be contacted by email at: sfritz4395@AOL.com

**David L. Gano**, '86, spent one week in February 2000 working at a mission eye clinic in Monfero, Bolivia, along with **David Markoff, M.D.**, '82. The team performed 23 cataract surgeries and trained a local ophthalmologist who provides ongoing care.

**Wayne Goffin**, '85, and his wife, **Barbara**, opened their own physical therapy practice last year and are enjoying their business. They live in Port Charlotte, Florida, and have two girls: **Kaitlyn**, 4, and **Megan**, 2. The family feels that they have been blessed beyond measure.

**James Gulley**, '87, finished his residency in June 1998 and in that same month married **Elisabeth Wear**. A month later, he started working in Medical Oncology in the National Cancer Institute. He is currently researching innovative cancer vaccines. The Gulleys live in Takoma Park, Maryland.

**Angela J. Henry**, '86-'88, moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to take the position of director of Corporate Finance and Administration at a health care consulting firm.

**Steven Jones**, '83, and his wife, **Cheryl (Remhardt)**, '85, live in Portland, Tennessee. Steve is self-employed and stays at home with their daughter, **Darby**, 4. Cheryl works at an urgent care facility.

**Orest Jurkin**, '89, and '90, moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma from Texas. He is an ICU team leader in the respiratory care department at a nearby hospital. He would like to hear from friends and can be contacted at: robj1968@hotmail.com or OJurkin@aol.com

**Rowland Knight**, '83, and his wife, **Lori (Pleasants)**, '83, recently moved to Skiatook, Oklahoma, and are living on 2 1/2 acres. Rowland is starting a self-watering planter business after 15 years in health care. Lori is still a busy stay-at-home mom and very active in the church school.

**Glenn Littell**, '79-'82, went to medical school at Loma Linda and finished his residency in Los

Angeles where he was the chief resident in pathology. His wife, **Karen (Darbo)**, '82, finished medical school at UCLA where she also did her residency and became the chief resident in anesthesiology. The two now live in New England. Glenn is a pathologist at two hospitals and medical director of a large regional laboratory. Karen is an anesthesiology at a hospital in Rochester, New Hampshire. They have two children: Garrison Grant, 3, and Kendall Paige, 1.

**Jamie (Lewis) Medina**, '87, is an interventional radiology nurse at a hospital in Orlando. She married her husband, Joe, on April 4, 2000, and they have a 13-year-old stepdaughter, Ashley. They reside in Deltona, Florida.

**Jim Norton**, '82, and **Peggy (Strickland) Norton**, '81, live in Bozeman, Montana, where they say the pace is slower and the scenery is beautiful. Jim works in the maintenance engineering department at a hospital. Peggy works in the same hospital in a job-share position as clinical supervisor in home care. Their son, Brian, age 16, is a sophomore at Mt. Ellis Academy. Their daughter, Bethany, is in fifth grade at Mt. Ellis Elementary. The Nortons invite friends to come see them.

**Michael and Linda (Sines) Owens**, '80, live in High Springs, Florida. Mike manages the Adventist Book Center at Camp Kulaqua. Linda, after using her degree in nursing for 21 years, recently accepted the position of director of a new division of Camp Kulaqua. They have two children: Julie, 3, and Austin, 9.

**Carla (Peck) Reel**, '88, is a Creative Memories consultant and works from her home. She and her husband, Charles, have two children: Kasonara, 4, and Cameron, 1. He works at Pacific Press Publishing. Carla's email address is: [kreelcm@juno.com](mailto:kreelcm@juno.com)

**Taletha (Thomas) Robinson**, '82 and '84, is an RN in the neonatal ICU and she is also a midwife. Her husband, Roy, is a pastor. They have a daughter, Wyntre, 11, and a son, Landon, 10. Taletha is home schooling them both. The family resides in Gaston, South Carolina.

**Kathy Sue (Potts) Russell**, '83, moved from Silver Springs, Maryland, in 1999, to join her husband, Rick, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Rick started a job there as treasurer of the Carolina Conference. Prior to the move, Kathy taught music at Spencerville Adventist Academy for five years. She is now teaching private lessons, and she continues to perform and enjoys sharing music whenever she can.

**Keith Shaw**, '82-'84, and his wife, **Linda (Tetz)**, '86, live in Durham, North Carolina. Keith started

his own company, Shaw/Davis Architect, in 1995. Linda works part time as an RN. They have two children: Christopher, 8, and Corey, 4.

**Rick Trivette**, '82-'84, and his wife, **Dori (Chen)**, '83, have an 8-year-old boy, Christopher, and a 4-year-old girl, Megan, and a baby that was born last June. The Trivette family lives in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

**Robert Vaughan**, '86, and his wife, **Tammy (Ellis)**, '86, recently relocated to South Carolina where Bob is staying busy in his radiology practice. Tammy continues to try to keep up with their two boys, Matthew, 7, and Lucas, 3. They make their home in Swansea, South Carolina.

**Hilma L. (Griffin) Watson**, '82, is the principal of a K-6 elementary school which has more than 700 students. Her husband, Rodney, is a telecommunications specialist. They have two children: Callom Mackay and Caitlyn Michelle. The family lives in Riverside, California.

**Teresa (Lang) Weisgerber**, '83 and '85, has been married to Kevin for four years. They have a beautiful 2-year-old son, Andrew. Teresa works part time in a pediatric cardiac intensive care unit. The family lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

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**Kevin Becker**, '97, and his wife, **Melinda (Cross)**, '96, moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia, in 1999. Kevin is the chaplain at Atlanta Adventist Academy. Melinda works at the Southern Union Conference office.

**Gene Carle**, '93, and his wife, **Laurie (Jacobs)**, '91, moved to Colorado and started an excavating company. They have a son, Wes, 2, and another child that was born in August. The family lives in Hartsel, Colorado.

**Matthew Carter III**, '91, is the Procurement Manager for the Department of Administrative Services for the state of Georgia, stationed in Atlanta. He is married to Glenda, and they have two children: Jasmine, 2, and Jade, 1.

**Danielle (Santell) Dick**, '95, has two beautiful boys: Brandon, 3, and Preston, 1. Her husband, Thomas, has a successful dental practice. She is the coordinator of praise and worship at her church and devotes a majority of her time being a mom to the boys. She said that life has been great. The family resides in Candler, North Carolina.

**Ben Dodd**, '88-'89, and his wife, **Kalani (Lowery)**, '90, moved to Bourbon, Mississippi, to

be near his parents. They have two children: Kaitlynn, age 7, and John Travis, 3. Ben works in St. Louis. Kalani is a stay-at-home mother.

**Dawn Fentress**, '94, is employed as an executive secretary for a consulting firm in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She would like to hear from friends. Dawn's email address is: [Michelle@Melham.com](mailto:Michelle@Melham.com)

**Jeff Fisher**, '95,

finished the dentistry program in Loma Linda, California, and graduated in May 1999. He

and his wife, **Kimberly (Bourgeois)**, '94 and '95, have a daughter, Tiffany, who was born in November of 1998. Kim stays home with Tiffany, and also works per diem as an RN in the NICU at the Loma Linda children's hospital. The family lives in Colton, California.

**Carlos Gonzalez, Jr.**, '97, died Aug. 30, 2000 at the age of 26. His untimely death came as a shock to everyone. He died in his sleep as a result of heart failure. Carlos will always be remembered for his contagious smile and winning personality. He leaves behind his mother, Dilcia; father, Carlos; sister, Olga, '00; and beloved Idaia.

**David Graham**, '93, pastors two churches in Florida. He was ordained on July 24, 1999, in St. Augustine. He and his wife, Balinda, have three children: Sarah, 6; Alyssa, 2; and David, who was born last February. The family resides in Palm Coast, Florida.

**Cary Greer**, '89-'91, has launched a construction business. His wife, **Holly (Jones)**, '92, stays at home to care for their two children: Thomas, 4, and Hayley, 18 months. The Greers live in Collegedale, Tennessee.

**David Jensen**, '91, is now working on his own with a hospital consulting business and is also building a house. His wife, **Kathi (Folkenberg)**, '91, stays home with their three children. Their newest addition arrived November 1999. Pictures of their children are at [www.rapidhost.net/jensen](http://www.rapidhost.net/jensen). The family resides in Sebring, Florida.

**Donna (Waisome) Kinard**, '97, married her husband Steve after graduation and says he is a wonderful man. She works part time at the local hospital and he has extended his practice to three offices. They have an 18-month-old son, Stephen. The family resides in Rocky Mt., North Carolina.





Rebecca Knoll, '92, in the fall of 1998, accepted a position with Willis out of its St. Louis office. She works as an employee benefits attorney for the company's insurance clients. She lives in Wildwood, Maryland.

Sabrina (Robbins), '91, and Greg Miler, '91, have two children: Nolan, 4, and Garren, 1. After living in Michigan for six years, they moved to Lishon Falls, Maine, to be closer to grandparents. She works part time at Pine Tree Academy and he works for a computer consulting company.

Nona Moberg, '95, completed her master of science degree in marriage and family therapy at Loma Linda University. She has worked as a clinical therapist in the San Bernardino County for the past three years. She planned to complete her MFT license in July 2000. She lives in Grand Terrace, California.

Ken LeVas, '96, is a second-year dental student at West Virginia University. He lives in Pennsboro, West Virginia.

Travis Patterson, '96 and his wife, Aimee (Wright), '96, spent three years in Guam as AVS volunteers at the SDA School and returned in June 1999. The two married in July 1998. Travis is now the chaplain at Fletcher Academy and Aimee teaches kindergarten at Pisgah Church School in Ashville. The two love being back in the South and live in Fletcher, North Carolina.

Tamara (Michalenko) Terry, '91, and her husband, Randy, live in Charlotte, North Carolina. They have two sons: Joseph Alexander, 2, and Jonathan Chandler, 1. Tamara is a work-at-home mom, president of a graphic design corporation, and a Creative Memories consultant specializing in photo preservation. Randy is the new association treasurer for the Carolina Conference.

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Stuart Paul Berkeley, 72, a teacher for 37 years and chairman of the education department of Southern from 1971-1976, died Sept. 10, 2000.

Stuart's work took him around the world to

such places as Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria and Puerto Rico. He retired as educational superintendent of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. He is survived by his wife, Roberta; children, William, Cheryl Smith, and Cynthia Henkelmann; seven grandchildren; and four sisters.

## University mourns the loss of Elsie Mae Taylor and Jeanne Davis

Friends and family at the university mourned the passing of longtime staff member Elsie Mae Taylor. Taylor died at her home on August 13, 2000. She was 79.

Taylor was well known at Southern as the voice of the university, serving as switchboard operator and receptionist for 30 years. In 1994, the Alumni Association named Taylor as Woman of the Year. Taylor was laid to rest at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

A few months later, on February 9, 2001, the university was saddened by the sudden loss of Jeanne Davis.

Jeanne and her husband K.R. came to Southern in 1959. Since then she served as secretary to the vice presidents of finance, student services, and admissions, as well as secretary to four presidents. In her retirement Jeanne continued to serve the university on a part-time basis as switchboard operator and administrative assistant.

Elsie Mae Taylor and Jeanne Davis will not only be remembered for their years of service, but to all who knew them, they will be remembered as two people who truly loved Southern Adventist University. Donations may be made to the Taylor Family Endowment Fund and to the Jeanne Davis Scholarship Fund.



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# Beyond the Classroom

by Steve Baughman



It had been one of those days when nothing went right. I had failed my English Literature quiz that morning, the girl in my math class didn't know I existed and my roommate yelled at me for not cleaning the bathroom. But there I stood, manning my Kmart cash register, waiting for the next ungrateful customer to come through my lane and gripe about some overpriced trinket for which they would not spend an extra quarter. My day could not have been worse. And then a retarded man and his caregiver walked into the store.

The man appeared about 50 years old, but he wore each year as if it were a dozen. With his ratty, oily hair and stained T-shirt pulled taut over his obtrusive stomach he eagerly greeted every person he passed. It wasn't hard to tell what the man was saying because he said the same thing to everyone.

"Helllllloooooooooo, I'm Milton!" he would ring out as he passed a stranger in an aisle, making sure to vigorously shake hands with the unsuspecting passer-by. Even from the checkout counters where I stood I could hear Milton calling out his greeting from the back of the store. I was becoming more and more angry with the man who seemed so oblivious to the disruption he was causing.

It wasn't long before a well-dressed and obviously frustrated businessman came through my checkout lane with a scowl on his face. He threw his things down on the counter.

I began my usual Kmart routine, asking, "How are you today, sir?"

"Miserable!" the man angrily informed me. "Not only am I going to be late for my meeting, but the reason I'm going to be late is because a retarded man stopped me and insisted on having a conversation with me!"

I shook my head, mumbled an apology and finished ringing up the man's pur-

chases. He grabbed his bags and stormed out the door without saying thank you.

As the man left, I could hear Milton's voice as he slowly made his way to the front of the store. With each bellowed greeting, my anger grew more and more.

It wasn't fair. "Why should he have a better day than me?" I thought.

Finally I saw Milton coming toward the checkout counters with his arms full of candy bars and soda. I desperately hoped he wouldn't come down my line, but much to my dismay, Milton headed straight for my counter.

But then Milton did something I've never seen a customer do before. He danced. Right there in the middle of Kmart, with his arms full of junk food, Milton did a full out, step-step-spin-spin number. There was Milton, a mentally retarded man with nasty, greasy hair, his previous three meals on his shirt, a strange odor emanating from his body and a gap-toothed smile, and he was dancing his way down the aisle to my register.

I stood there dumbfounded. Then it dawned on me why I was angry with Milton. He was actually happy. Even though Milton was mentally challenged and couldn't even go to the store without a caregiver, he had managed to achieve something I had never been able to discover—happiness.

Just then Milton did something else that caught me off guard. When he offered me his hand to shake, I reached for it, but instead of shaking my hand, he kissed it. Then he came all the way around the counter

and gave me a huge hug.

I don't know why he felt the urge to kiss my hand. Maybe he realized that I was unhappy and he wanted to cheer me up. I don't know, but he definitely received a stunned smile for a response.

After Milton left I stood in stunned silence, ashamed that I had felt animosity toward a mentally challenged man because he was happier than I. Then I thought about the reasons I was unhappy.

Who cares if I failed my quiz? I'll just study more for the next one. What does it matter if the girl in my math class doesn't know my name? I'll meet others. I had forgotten the character of Jesus—something that outweighs the pathetic problems we so often dwell on.

I was reminded that we need to show His love to everyone. It is amazing that this simplest of concepts didn't occur to me until I met a mentally challenged man named Milton.

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40)"

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